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SPEECH OF 15 APRIL 1974

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH OF MAURITANIA DWELT ON REQUIREMENT TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AS THE CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT. HE ALIGNED MAURITANIA WITH DECISION OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES IN GEORGETOWN AND ALGIERS AND STATED THAT MAURITANIA FULLY ENDORSES BOUMEDIENNE'S OUTLINE FOR REMEDYING THE DISPARITIES PREVALENT IN THE WORLD TODAY. OULD DADDAH ALSO CALLED FOR A RE-EXAMINATION OF MOTIVATIONS WHICH SURROUND PRESENT-DAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO BRING FORTH A "TRUE AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" WHICH WOULD ALLOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BECOME REAL INSTRUMENTS OF THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE SPECIAL SESSION DELIVERED

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APR 15, PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH STARTED BY FOCUSING ON COST

OF RAW MATERIALS. HE STATED THAT NO ONE DARE OVERLOOK CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF RAW MATERIALS FOR DEVELOPMENT LEAST OF ALL MAURITANIA, WHICH DEPENDS ON HER NATURAL RESOURCES COMPLETELY. HE STATED THAT TWO BASIC PROBLEMS ARE CONSTANT DETERIORATION OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES AND THE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH IN PRICE OF FINISHED PRODUCTS. NATURAL RESOURCES ARE AS VITAL FOR THE THIRD WORLD AS THEY ARE FOR THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD SINCE THE THIRD WORLD MUST BUY ALL ITS FINISHED PRODUCTS AT INFLATED RATES. THIRD WORLD IS THUS FORCED TO ABSORB INFLATION WHICH IN TURN PAYS FOR ADVANCES IN TECHNOLOGY IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CALLING FOR A RECONSTRUCTION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OULD DADDAH POINTED OUT THAT LACK OF WILLINGNESS TO RENEGOTIATE TRADE TREATIES WILL PERMANENTLY RELEGATE LDC'S TO STATUS OF BEING RESERVOIR OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CHEAP LABOR.

2. OULD DADDAH CALLED FOR A TOTAL RE-EXAMINATION OF ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND STATED ONLY TRUE ASSISTANCE IS THAT WHICH IS GIVEN UNCONDITIONALLY. HE STATED HOPE THAT THIS RE-EXAMINATION WOULD BRING FORTH "TRUE AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BECOME REAL INSTRUMENTS OF THEIR OWN DEVELOPMENT. IN CALLING FOR RESTRUCTURING OF ENTIRE AID MACHINERY, HE ALSO CALLED FOR REASSESSMENT OF PRICING OF RAW MATERIALS. HE ADDED THAT THE UNITY OF THE THIRD WORLD CALLS FOR ELIMINATION OF ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES BETWEEN NATIONS.

3. OULD DADDAH BRIEFLY MENTIONED BASIC AFRICAN POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF DECOLONIZATION SUCH AS PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA. HE SUMMED UP HIS STATEMENT BY SAYING THAT MAURITANIA STOOD SOLIDLY BEHIND ALGERIAN PRESIDENT'S DIAGNOSIS OF WORLD'S "ILLNESS" AND HIS PRESCRIPTION FOR "CONCRETE WAYS TO REMEDY".
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